Backward class students in Harijan hostels

* 2820 Q.—Sri S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri P. Venkatesha Sholagar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of seats allotted to the backward class students in the Harijan hostels run on Government grant in the Tanjore district for 1954–55 ; and

(b) how many students of the backward classes actually availed themselves of this facility?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (a) & (b) Boarding grants were sanctioned for 156 students. As many as 162 students availed themselves of this facility.

Annual deposit from school

* 2821 Q.—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of High schools in Malabar that have requested the Government to waive the rule requiring a deposit of Rs. 5,000 annually ; and

(b) the action taken on their request?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) : The Director of Public Instruction has been authorized to permit the managements of secondary schools to build up the endowment required (Rs. 35,000) in easy annual instalments of not less than Rs. 1,100 each. Representations from individual managements, are transferred to the Director, who will pass suitable orders in the matter.

Polytechnics

* 2822 Q.—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of students that applied for each of the courses in the Kerala Polytechnic at Kozhikode ; and

(b) the number of students selected for each course?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) The number of students that applied for each of the courses in the Kerala Polytechnic, Kozhikode, and the number of students selected are given below :—

	Number of students that applied.	Number of students selected.
Civil Engineering	200	49
Chemical Engineering ..	19	19
Mechanical Engineering ..	48	31
Electrical Engineering ..	41	26
Food Technology ..	Nil.	25